GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4766
ANSWERED ON:23.04.2003
MODERNISATION OF DREDGING CORPORATION OF INDIA
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dredging Corporation of India has been modernised with latest equipment and other facilities;

(b) if so, the main area of operations of the DCI;

(c) whether as compared to foreign companies, the quality of work of the DCI has to improve; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve the performance of DCI?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI)

(a) Modernisation of Dredging Corporation of India (DCI) is a continuous processDCI has acquired 3 nos. 7400 cubic meter hopper capacity trailer suction dredgers during 1999 and 2001 with the State-of-art technology and fuel efficient equipment. In case of old dredgers, DCI has been updating navigational and dredge instrumentation with latest technology available.

(b) The main area of operation of DCI is the maintenance dredging requirements of major ports and the Indian Navy.

(c)&(d): The quality of work of DCI in respect of maintenance dredging is comparable with foreign dredging companies. However, DCI needs to add cutter suction dredgers in its fleet and improve the skills of staff in execution of capital dredging works. DCI has been granted Mini-Ratna status facilitating it to enter into Joint Ventures/alliances etc depending on the need. DCI is also taking action to upgrade technology on board the dredgers and the technical skills of staff.